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Dear Mr. Powell:

It has come to my attention that only one public hearing was held in the matter of restructuring of the Fairness Doctrine adopted in 1966 for the protection of fair and balanced news to reach the electorate of the United States which was unfortunately amended by Ronald Reagan in 1988. The current hearing to further subject the people of the United States to only one point of view in the news by permitting a single company to monopolize the ownership of stations (Radio and TV) in the market place was conducted in Richmond, Virginia. As I understand it, according to your own employees, this hearing was held reluctantly and under great pressure.

You must be young to remember the pre-take over methods used by the totalitarian governments of the world prior to World War II, or too naïve or profit ridden to recognize the dangers, or perhaps, to care about them, when okaying such an action.

It is with great apprehension that I find that an abridgement of the Constitution of the United States as set out by the Supreme Court in 1945 is occurring *surreptitiously* without hearings in the various areas in the United States and with a great deal of fanfare for the entire populace to react.. If an agency of the government wishes to abridge the freedoms of the people to receive fair and balanced news and information and were to achieve its ends, I suggest a full senate and public investigation of the motives of that agency.

My family aided in building this nation. They put their lives and fortunes on the line, and have served it since its inception. We have been trained since childhood to watch over it and its basic freedoms, for indeed, it belongs to all of us. You included.

Thank you for your attention. I will look forward to your reply and corrective action in this matter.


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